

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 1, line 1, please amend the Cross-Reference to Related Applications added by Preliminary Amendment filed February 26, 2002 as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicant Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 40 792.4, filed on August 27, 1999 and U.S. Application Serial No. 60/152,689, filed on September 7, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 §365 of PCT/DE00/02136, filed on July 5, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Election of Invention:

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following inventions for further prosecution:

Group I: Claims 16-23 and 28, drawn to a metal cloth; or

Group II: Claims 24-27, drawn to a method of producing a metal cloth.

ELECTION:

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 16-23 and 28 for further prosecution.